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SUBJECT: VII REGULAR MEETING OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR CON-
SULTATION AND NEGOTIATION, BUENOS AIRES, MAY 17-23

1. VII REGULAR SCCN (CECON) MEETING IN BUENOS AIRES MAY 17-
23 WILL BE FIRST SUCH MEETING OUTSIDE OF WASHINGTON SINCE
1971 SESSION IN PUNTA DEL ESTE. ARGENTINA AS HOST IS UR-
GING OTHER MEMBERS TO UPGRADE LEVEL OF THEIR DELEGATIONS,
WHICH HAD BEGUN TO SLIP IN RECENT YEARS. WE UNDERSTAND
THAT SEVERAL VICE MINISTERS AND OTHER SENIOR TRADE OFFI-
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CIALS ARE LIKELY TO ATTEND.

2. DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE MEETING BEGINS WITH CONSIDERATION
OF A THREE-PART OAS SECRETARIAT STUDY OF GSP DURING 1976.
ITS FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION. STUDY INCLUDES QUANTITATIVE
AND QUALITATIVE EVALUATIONS AND SECTION ON WAYS TO IMPROVE
GSP. IT IS MORE THEORETICAL THAN WE WOULD HAVE HOPED BUT

ON THE WHOLE REASONABLY WELL DONE. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS ARE ECUADORIAN-VENEZUELAN GSP EXCLUSION, RECENT U.S. TRADE ACTIONS OTHER THAN GSP (SUCH AS ESCAPE CLAUSE AND COUNTERVAILING DUTY ACTIONS), OAS PROGRAM TO PROMOTE UTILIZATION OF GSP (JOINT PROGRAM OF CECOM AND CIPE - INTER-AMERICAN EXPORT PROMOTION CENTER), A REPORT ON MTN, AND REPORTS OF THE AD HOC GROUPS ON TRADE AND ON MARITIME

TRANSPORT. WE INTEND TO BE AS FORTHCOMING AS POSSIBLE AT MEETING. ALTHOUGH U.S. TRADE POLICIES UNDOUBTEDLY WILL BE ATTACKED, WE HAVE NO NEED TO BE DEFENSIVE. U.S. HAS A RECORD OF AVOIDING IMPORT RESTRAINTS SINCE PASSAGE OF 1974 TRADE ACT, AND OUR GSP PROVIDES REAL BENEFITS TO MANY ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES.

3. PROPOSED U.S. DELEGATION WILL INCLUDE WELDON BURSON, ARA/ECP, RICHARD LANDERS, EB/OT/GCP, AND NORMAN SHAFT, U.S. MISSION TO OAS, WITH FOURTH PERSON LIKELY TO BE ADDED. FOR BUENOS AIRES: PLEASE RESERVE FOUR SINGLES AT ALVIAR PALACE HOTEL, SITE OF MEETING, OR OTHER NEARBY HOTEL IF YOU THINK MORE SUITABLE. ARRIVAL DATA WILL FOLLOW.

4. ON MONDAY MAY 16 LATINS AND CARIBBEANS WILL CAUCUS. WE ARE INTERESTED IN ANY USEFUL INFORMATION ADDRESSEES MAY HAVE ON ISSUES AND POSITIONS THE OTHERS MAY TAKE. IN LINE WITH OTHER RECENT REGIONAL ECONOMIC MEETINGS WE WOULD HOPE TO AVOID CONFRONTATION AND INSTEAD PROCEED ON A TECHNICAL BASIS WITHIN A COOPERATIVE ATMOSPHERE. REQUEST UNCLASSIFIED

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